

Race & Social Justice APPLICATIONS RESULTS

Beginning with introductory events in September that drew a remarkable 250 people, to the record number of 120 applications, interest and excitement is at its highest for the Mayor's Race and Social Justice component of the Neighborhood Matching Fund. It is the most ever received by the Department of Neighborhoods, which is administering the program. The requested dollar amount is over \$1.6 million and the proposed match is \$2.2 million.

This new Neighborhood Matching Fund category seeks to fund projects that:

- Improve relationships and understanding among racial and ethnic groups; and
- Promote social justice in education, economic development, housing, health, the environment, or other areas.

With \$400,000 available for community projects, Neighborhood Matching Fund staff spent months conducting outreach—contacting community groups, giving presentations, answering questions and letting people know there were many ways to get involved in the process of

Holly Miller, Welcome to the OFFICE FOR EDUCATION!

Holly Miller, who has been executive director for the New School Foundation for the past eight years, will be returning to the City to lead the Mayor's Office for Education. Housed in the Department of Neighborhoods, the office is responsible for implementing the recently renewed Families and Education Levy.



Before directing the New School Foundation, Miller led the city's Parks and Recreation and Construction and Land Use (now Department of Planning and Development) departments and the King County Department of Planning and Community Development. She holds both a bachelor's and a master's degree in history from the University of Georgia, and has done post-graduate work at Boston University and the University of Washington.

Miller said she was honored by the mayor's appointment to lead the Office of Education. "I share the Mayor's passion for closing the achievement gap by using city resources to create and enhance community partnerships. "There are very few issues that would cause me to make a career move at this point," Miller said. "The opportunity to help bring additional resources to improve the academic achievement and well-being of students in Seattle is one I could not let go by. I am deeply honored that the Mayor has asked me to assume this position at this critical time."

In addition to administering the Families and Education Levy, the office coordinates City and School Partnerships, which help build quality learning environments, and Community Partnerships, which help business leaders and philanthropists around the region support programs to help kids thrive.

The mayor has made an outstanding choice in selecting Holly Miller to head up the Office for Education," said James Kelly, President and CEO of Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle. "She was an outstanding advocate and leader for

Seattle Forestification

ONE TREE AT A TIME

City Arborist Nolan Rundquist demonstrates tree planting techniques


More than six hundred trees were planted in 40 neighborhoods throughout Seattle in October. The Tree Fund, as part of the Neighborhood Matching Fund program, provides free trees to neighborhood groups in exchange for volunteer time planting and caring for the trees. As part of the preparations for planting, Nolan Rundquist, City Arborist at the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT), provided training to a group of 80 enthusiastic tree planters on a Saturday morning at the Delridge Community Center.



In the packed multi-purpose room of the Community Center, soon-to-be tree stewards listened with rapt attention as Nolan went through a comprehensive slide show and powerpoint demonstration instructing people on how to care for their still young and vulnerable trees. Constant attention and care are essential—at about every third slide, Nolan reminded folks to “water their tree.”

Although many of those present were veteran green thumbs, almost all of them had questions about what kind of mulch to use (very little, wood chips are preferable), how much fertilizer (not too much), soil types unique to the Pacific Northwest (it's very hard with a high clay content), and how much soil to fill in after putting the tree in the ground (avoid covering too much of the tree base because it's a different bark type from the roots, and bad fungus can grow there if covered). Nolan had answers to every conceivable question. He even demonstrated great digging techniques, along with uses for dug up sod (place upside down around the perimeter of the new tree soil).

Many of those present related stories about how this was the first time they had been involved in a community project, and had met neighbors they would never have gotten to know otherwise. The Department of Neighborhoods and SDOT work closely together on the Tree Fund program to ensure successful neighborhood planting projects. Most trees were planted over the last two weekends in October and the weather could not have been more perfect. Thanks to the many volunteers who invested their time and energy in these projects and helped create greener, more livable neighborhoods.

For more information on the Tree Fund, please call us at 206-684-0464, or visit us on the web at <http://www.cityofseattle.net/neighborhoods/> 

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the Families and Education Levy Advisory Committee, championing the need for more resources, particularly the need for more for pre-school and early education programs. With her experience in city government and with the New School Foundation, she will make an outstanding member of the Nickels administration and will help keep the city moving forward on improving educational achievement in our schools.”

Nickels offered a special thanks to acting director Sid Sidorowicz who managed the office during the interim and was a major contributor to the design of the renewed Families and Education Levy. 



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Last year 21 projects were funded with awards totaling \$259,000. Some of the projects from last year include a Family Wage Jobs Project; El Dia de Los Muertos Celebration; Beyond Talk: Redrawing Race in Seattle Art Exhibit at Wing Luke Museum; Hate Crimes Conference, East African Conflict Resolution Team Project, Multiracial Community Action Plan by the MAVIN Foundation.

Funding decisions for applications received in October will be made in December and projects will occur from January – December, 2005. For more information about the Race and Social Justice Fund, and to see a complete list of projects from last year, visit the Department of Neighborhoods website at seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmf 

Chamber Jumpstarts Discussion ON PIERS 1 AND 2 DEVELOPMENT

The West Seattle Chamber of Commerce recently convened a meeting with King County Councilmember Dow Constantine, representatives from the Port of Seattle, Salty's Restaurant, and the Alki and Admiral Community Councils to discuss next steps on the development of Piers 1 and 2. Jumpstarting the process by identifying a catalyst with the ability to integrate the goals and aspirations of the multiple landowners with the desires of the community into a cohesive and workable proposal is the immediate goal of the Chamber. 

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COMMUNITY FORUM DEBATES VIADUCT REPLACEMENT OPTIONS

On October 28, the Ballard News Tribune sponsored a public forum titled "Connecting Neighborhoods". Approximately 50 people attended this forum and posed questions to three panelists representing different points of view on a preferred alternative for Viaduct replacement. Deputy Mayor Tim Ceis spoke on behalf of the tunnel option, Carrie Moon, of Peoples Waterfront Coalition, was the proponent for the "No Replacement" alternative, and 36th District Representative Helen Sommers presented arguments for the replacement of the viaduct structure.

SALMON BAY GETS SCRUBBED BY VOLUNTEERS

On October 9, on a rainy Saturday morning, nearly 150 volunteers showed up to participate in this year's annual Salmon Bay Ship Canal Clean Up. Thirty-eight vessels, from kayaks to ocean-going tugs, were deployed to remove debris from the water and shoreline areas around Salmon Bay from the Locks to the Fremont Bridge. This event was coordinated by the Seattle Marine Business Coalition, Seattle Public Utilities, and Puget Soundkeepers. Despite a record number of volunteers and vessels turning out for this year's event, only eight tons of refuse was hauled out. Organizers point out that each year the tonnage of debris collected diminishes. This is an indication of progress made on cleaning up years of accumulated dumping, neglect, and carelessness.

CENTRAL

Garfield Community Council members are monitoring the renovation of Garfield High School and the expansion of the Douglass Truth Library. Members would like to see additional parking for both projects and the Community Council has set aside December 9 as the date for the neighborhood holiday gathering.

DELRIDGE

DELRIDGE DAY/LONGFELLOW CREEK TRAIL WALK

The first Delridge Day Celebration was a great success. Groups of people walked the four-mile trail from SW Yancy near Nucor Steel Company to Roxhill Park across the street from Westwood Village. At the park, over 300 people were treated to informational displays by neighborhood, health, and environmental groups, plus an array of interesting entertainment, including a Japanese drumming demonstration and Vietnamese dancers. Those who walked the trail were able to see the newly installed directional markers and a new artistic gateway arch being constructed on SW Brandon. The sunny weather brought out many volunteer gardeners to the Thistle Street P-Patch located along Longfellow Creek Trail.

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WHITE CENTER DSHS MULTI-SERVICE CENTER OPENS

The move to consolidate West Seattle and Burien Community Service Offices happened over the weekend of October 16/17. Co-location of staff will be an advantage for parents and families to access health and human services. Administrator Greta Kaas-Lent and Administrator Mike Morris welcomed staff to the new facility in White Center. Several DSHS staff members commented that they took the bus for the first time in many years and look forward to working in White Center/Boulevard Park. Clients expressed approval of the new space, as well. The Division of Children and Family Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Employment Security Department, King County Assessment Center, and the Seattle/King County Department of Public Health are now all located on the second floor of the new facility. DSHS continues to meet with appropriate entities regarding a possible Workforce Center in White Center. Conversations are also underway regarding location of the Refugee Federation Service Center, Refugee Women's Association, Refugee Immigrant Assistance, and Annie E. Casey Foundation at the White Center Multi-Service Center.

CHIEF SEALTH HIGH SCHOOL POTLATCH

Chief Sealth High School celebrated its recently completed building renovations by holding a Salish (Native American) potlatch featuring a traditional tribe welcome and smoked salmon lunch. The new renovations included the construction of a new entryway and student commons area. Cecile Hansen, Chairwoman of the Duwamish Tribe and great-grand daughter of Chief Seattle, was the event's special guest. John Boyd, the school's new principal, also gave special recognition awards to School Superintendent Raj Manhas, School Board member Irene Stewart, and several community leaders including Steve Huling, owner of a local automobile dealership, and Ron Angeles, City of Seattle Neighborhood District Coordinator. Both are Chief Sealth alumni. About 150 people attended the event.

HIGHLAND PARK NOT FOR FIREWORKS

The Highland Park Action Committee would like something to be done about the unlawful use of fireworks at Highland Park Playfield and generally around the neighborhood. They would like to suggest that the City turn on water sprinklers and lights at the park on July 4th to discourage fireworks users. They also plan to post signage at fireworks stands and along SW Roxbury letting people know that fireworks are illegal in the City of Seattle.

RADIO INTERFERENCE IN PIGEON POINT

The Pigeon Point Neighborhood Council collected over 60 signatures from residents complaining about the interference of the radio tower on 21st Ave SW/SW Genesee. The interference causes sounds (Christian music and Disney tunes) to be heard during telephone conversations. For several years the group has attempted unsuccessfully to resolve the problem with the California-based radio station. They now plan to file a formal complaint with the Federal Communications Commission.

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Bernie Matsuno NEW COMMUNITY BUILDING DIVISION DIRECTOR

Bernie Matsuno comes to the position of Community Building Division director with a wealth of experience. She's been with DON since its inception in 1988, when it was the Office of Neighborhoods, and most recently has been the manager of our Neighborhood Matching Fund program. Although leaving the NMF program will be difficult, Bernie looks forward to leading the Division and ensuring that the department's community building efforts are relevant to the City's diverse communities and supportive of the department's and City's goal to be inclusive.




She takes the reigns of this division at a critical time. DON, like other City departments, are challenged to do more with less resources. Bernie's background in budget development and analysis, as well as her program management experience, will be extremely helpful as the department continues its quest to operate more efficiently, while remaining true to its core value of involving people in their community to 'build community'.

While working for DON, Bernie is most proud of two accomplishments: the creation of the Neighborhood Matching Fund as a citizen-driven program and the newest addition to the NMF program – the Race and Social Justice component. The NMF started out as an experiment 16 years ago, grew into a very

successful, “win-win” program for both communities and the City, and has been replicated across the country (and internationally). The Race and Social Justice fund, inspired by Mayor Nickel’s initiative on race and social justice, has proven to be a valuable tool for reaching into underrepresented communities, especially refugee and immigrant communities, to invite their participation in the NMF, other department programs, and City decision-making processes.

As Community Building Division director, Bernie will continue the long-standing tradition of providing services and programs that encourage people to become actively involved in the life of their community and with their government. At times this may not be an easy proposition; however she’s encouraged by the successes we’ve experienced in the past and hopeful that the work of the Division will remain a valuable asset to both communities and the City.

And, at the end of the day, Bernie will ensure her own mental health by cheering on her son’s many sports teams, improving her knitting skills, snowboarding at least a couple of times this winter, and playing tennis once again! All work and no play is a combination she will try to avoid.

If you would like to contact her, Bernie’s office is in the Arctic Building, 700 Third Ave – Suite 400. She can be reached at (206)684-0463 or by email Bernie.matsuno@seattle.gov 

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URBAN MOBILITY GROUP HELPS COMMUTERS

The Downtown Seattle Association, King County Metro, and the Seattle Department of Transportation have joined together to sponsor a new program to help downtown commuters. The “Urban Mobility Group” provides information and services to help downtown stakeholders fully utilize public transportation options. The project will help individual businesses tailor a program that best meets the needs of employees. It also helps individuals connect with programs such as Metro’s Flexpass and STAR carpool, and Flexcar. For additional information, see <http://www.urbanmobilitygroup.com>.

PLYMOUTH CAFÉ OPENS

The Plymouth Housing Group opened the Plymouth Café in October. The café is located in groundfloor retail space in the St. Charles, a newly renovated affordable housing facility at 3rd and Cherry. The café is intended to provide resources for Plymouth’s human service work.

CHINATOWN GATE EVENT DRAWS 475

The Historic Chinatown Gate Foundation held its fundraising campaign kickoff event on October 28. More than 475 supporters attended a dinner at the House of Hong to learn more about the project and to pledge support. The Foundation hopes to raise \$900,000 to construct two traditional Chinese-style gateway structures. The plan is to place the gates on King St., with one near the intersection with 8th Ave and the other near 5th Ave. Supporters hope that the gates will serve as a symbol of the cultural richness and hard work that Chinese Americans have contributed to the greater Seattle community.

LATINO HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS MEET WITH SEATTLE/KING COUNTY HEALTH OFFICIALS

Representatives from Consejo Counseling & Referral Service, Entre Hermanos Agency, POCAAN Agency, and Harbor View Clinic met with Public Health Director Dr. Alonzo Plough and Director of AIDS Control Program, Robert Wood MD, to discuss the proposed budget cut of the Latino HIV/STD Educational position.

Health Officials listened to the concerns expressed by Latino health service providers and stressed their intentions to continue to find ways to better serve the Latino community.

Mr. Plough will be writing a letter that includes all the concerns mentioned at the meeting for reference and guidance in addressing issues of the Latino community, while retaining the proposed position at a different division.

PSKS SUFFERS ANOTHER LOSS IN THE HOMELESS YOUTH COMMUNITY

Peace in the Streets by Kids from the Streets (PSKS), a homeless youth advocacy and educational agency based in Capitol Hill, reported the death of one of the organization’s youth members, Justin “Patch”

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English (10/05/76 to 10/15/04). Patch was on his way to finding a permanent home and suffered an accident that took his life. He was a PSKS "Core Member", chosen among his peers to represent them at the agency level.

With the death of "Patch", PSKS has suffered over a dozen losses of its homeless youth membership in the last 18 months. As on other occasions, PSKS took the responsibility of notifying next of kin. The agency staff sent a video recording of "Patch's" participation in the group to his family.

CAPITOL HILL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND GROUNDSWELL OFF BROADWAY TERMINATE THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS

Groundswell off Broadway was created eight years ago to advocate for a park on top of the Lincoln Reservoir, to participate in the plan to develop the Sound Transit Broadway-Substation, to beautify and plan improvements to the Cal Anderson Park, and to work on the Capitol Hill Neighborhood Plan.

With a fading membership and having accomplished most of its goals, Groundswell retired its participation in the Capitol Hill Stewardship Council and terminated its neighborhood activities as an organization.

As of November 30, 2004, the Capitol Hill Chamber of Commerce will cease to exist. Charles Hamilton, Capitol Hill Chamber of Commerce President, announced the closure of the organization citing lack of membership, economic difficulties, and the changing nature of the business community on the Hills. The Capitol Hill Chamber of Commerce had 80 years of history representing the business community.

CAPITOL HILL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL REPORT

The Capitol Hill Stewardship Council welcomed new officers and members at its October meeting. The new leadership includes Dean Koonts, Chair; Chuck Weinstock, Vice-Chair; and Kevin McDonald, Secretary.

In addition, three new members were added: Tarika Klein, representing the Broadway BIA, Phil Mocek, at-large position, and Kile Gulke, at-large position. Groundswell off Broadway retired its position at the Stewardship Council and will not be sending representatives.

The Stewardship Council discussed the Alcohol Impact Area and endorsed the efforts to have the business community sign the voluntary Good Neighbor Agreements.

GREATER DUWAMISH

BEACON HILL WANTS CROSSWALK TO BE A PRIORITY

A car/pedestrian accident on 15th Ave S has prompted the Beacon Hill community to contact the City urging them to implement safety measures now, rather than later. 15th Ave S between Colombian Way and Spokane St was closed off for most of the day after a car hit a 12-year-old in an unmarked crosswalk, jumping the curb and hitting two trees and a power pole. According to SDOT, the request for a signalized cross

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City and Greater Lake City Area Groups **REACH OUT TO COMMUNITY**

More than 75 citizens of Lake City and surrounding communities participated in a diversity/community-building event on Saturday, September 18, at Olympic Hills Elementary School Auditorium. There was excellent networking and discussion about community challenges and solutions. The community-building event was a result of the efforts of the North District Council and Stewardship Group and the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods.

Dubbed "Visions Toward Tomorrow... A Community Outreach Event," the gathering included ethnic food and musical entertainment and a four-member panel from local businesses and the City. The event also featured information about community organizations and projects and ways to start a new organization or new project.

Peter Donaldson was keynote speaker and led the audience in an interactive exercise that highlighted a sustainable approach for Greater Lake City. State Representative Phyllis Gutierrez Kenney gave an inspiring talk on the possible future of Lake City. City Councilmembers David Della, Richard Conlin, and Nick Licata spoke and participated in the discussions. Guillermo Romano, new director of DPD's City Design, took part as one of the panelists. Participating community groups included the North Seattle Family Center, the Homewaters Project, the Seattle Gambia Association, Feet First, Pinehurst Community Council, Haller Lake Community Council, Maple Leaf Commu-



nity Council, Victory Heights Community Council, and the Neighborhood Farmers Market Alliance.

Citizens who attended have expressed an interest in forming community councils for both the Jackson Park and Olympic Hills neighborhoods. Department of Neighborhoods staff looks forward to helping them organize and get started. Citizens also learned about opportunities for developing community projects using the Neighborhood Matching Fund. In particular, some groups were interested in the Race and Social Justice Fund. Department of Neighborhoods staff will work with interested groups to develop their project ideas.

Thanks to the City departments who participated in this outreach/diversity event: Fire Station 39, Human Services, Office of Civil Rights, Office of Sustainability and Environment, Library, Parks and Recreation, SDOT, SPU, and Department of Neighborhoods. 🌐

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walk has been made and they will be reviewing the criteria to see if it meets their requirements. Community members have often complained about the excessive speeds and difficulty crossing the four lanes without any traffic controls.

HATS OFF TO THE SOUTH PARK COMMUNITY

The City's Landmarks Preservation Board has granted historic status to a South Park 1908 bungalow with an unusual roof. The house, known as "Hat House", "Witches Hat House", "Pagoda House", and "Querio House" is located at 9326 Seventh Ave S. A developer who bought the house had planned to tear it down and build eight new houses on the lot.

DUWAMISH RIVER SUPERFUND CLEANUP

More than 200 people attended the Duwamish River Superfund Cleanup Community meeting hosted by the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition, Environmental Protection Agency, and the Department of Ecology. Other City and County departments were also participants in the event. Each department gave brief updates on identified contaminants, cleanup locations, proposed action steps, and timelines. Other discussion items included Source Tracing and Source Control of contaminants. King County and the City are conducting joint inspections both indoors, and outdoors to possibly identify and control sources. The Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition is concerned about recontamination once the cleanup is done. They have devised a source control action plan and would like to have it recognized and implemented.

CROSSWALK RELOCATION

One of the priorities for the Beacon Hill Library and Neighborhood Council was to relocate the crosswalk to the north side of the intersection at Beacon Ave S, and S Forest/17th Ave S. SDOT, through its pedestrian program, was able to move the crosswalk. However, further funding for planning and improvements need to be identified. The intersection was ranked the number one priority by the Greater Duwamish District Council for 05 NSF/CRF. Should funding become available, SDOT will convene a meeting with community members to gather input.

LAKE UNION

SOUTH LAKE UNION CELEBRATION

The second annual South Lake Union Community Celebration, held at the Armory on October 19, was a huge success with more than 1,500 community members in attendance and many community organizations, local businesses, and City departments participating. The event was an excellent opportunity for the community to network and learn about the major improvements planned for the neighborhood.

FREMONT PEAK PARK

After more than three years of hard work and major fundraising efforts by local residents, Seattle Parks and Recreation was able to acquire the

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remainder of the property needed to begin the long-awaited development of Fremont Peak Park located at N 45th Street and Palantine Ave N.

EASTLAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Eastlake Community Council held its annual elections in October and elected Colleen McGrath as the new president. They also organized a well-attended debate on the major initiatives on the November 2 ballot.

MAGNOLIA/QUEEN ANNE

IT'S OFFICIAL: CITY TO GET DISCOVERY PARK LIGHTHOUSE

The U.S. Department of the Interior announced that the Discovery Park Lighthouse will be turned over to the Seattle Parks Department. Originally announced last November, the decision was delayed by an appeal filed by Light Keeper Retreats, a non-profit that had sought control of the lighthouse. The City will invest \$600,000 to improve the property, which will be used as an environmental learning center.

MAGNOLIA GATEWAY DEDICATED

About thirty people turned out in the rain for the dedication of the Magnolia Gateway, a recently completed Neighborhood Matching Fund project. The bright red archway and oversized metal flower sculptures provide a clear and unmistakable link between the Magnolia Village business district and the adjacent school/community center and playfields.

UPTOWN ORGANIZATIONS PREPARE FOR FUNDRAISING

The Uptown Alliance and Arts for Uptown plan to work with the P-Patch Trust to raise funds to support development of the new park and the annual Uptown Stroll arts festival. With the support of the Queen Anne Chamber of Commerce, Arts for Uptown raised over \$5000 for the successful 2004 Stroll. Planning is underway for next year's event and fundraising goals are even larger. The new park at the base of the Queen Anne counterbalance will be developed by the Parks Department with Pro-Parks Levy funds. However, the amount allocated is insufficient to build the kind of park neighbors envision.

CLEAN QUEEN ANNE THINKS BIG

The community group that last summer distributed brooms and trash grabbers to businesses on the top of Queen Anne hill has set its sights on more ambitious plans to beautify the neighborhood. Members are interested in pedestrian lighting, benches, planters, and sculptures. They plan to work with the Department of Neighborhoods, the Office for Economic Development, and Seattle City Light to further their vision.

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Mayor's Clean and Green Seattle Initiatives SWEEP THROUGH VICTORY PARK

Mayor Nickels led more than 35 neighborhood volunteers, along with Department of Corrections work crews and staff from Seattle Parks and Recreation, Seattle Department of Transportation, Seattle City Light, Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, and Seattle Public Utilities' Community Services Division, in a clean-up of Victory Creek Park on Saturday, October 2. Mayor Nickels and Brian Clark, manager of the Pinehurst QFC Store, planted a tree in the park.

The one-acre park was given to the City as payment for a partial vacation of NE 111th St in order for a developer to build the QFC grocery store. The park has two bioswales that clean stormwater runoff from the store's parking lot before it enters the creek.

Clean and Green Seattle partnered with the Pinehurst Community Council, Alternative School #1 (Pinehurst K-8 School), Thornton Creek Alliance, and residents in the Greater Pinehurst/Northgate/Lake City community, including members of the local Mosque, an Eritrean Orthodox Church in Pinehurst, and the Seattle Gambia Association. The partners got involved with weeding and litter pick-ups, as well as replacing a bed of ivy with a sparkling array of native plants.

RAINIER BEACH GREEN SEATTLE HUGE SUCCESS

The Mayor's Clean and Green Initiative focused on the Rainier Beach area on Saturday, October 30. The event kicked off at 9:30 a.m. at the Rainier Beach Safeway with Mayor Nickels providing introductions, and over 50 people participating in the clean up.

Neighbors, youth, and local businesses participated in the clean up, which focused on the Mapes Creek Walkway greenspace. Work included weeding and mulching the walkway and picking up litter. The event was also an opportunity to highlight the recent improvements to the Rainier Beach area. South East Effective Development highlighted



its façade improvement program, which has been working with four local area businesses.

The Rainier Beach Merchants Association, Southeast Weed and Seed, and the Rainier Valley Chamber also sponsored this City event. 🌐

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YOU'RE THE CREAM IN MY COFFEE

The months of planning paid "off a latte" on Wednesday, October 27 at the first Coffee Conversation in the University District. These conversations provided the forum for merchants on the Ave and homeless youth and young adults to get to know each other. At each table where a couple of merchants and at least a couple of young people sat together, one business person and one homeless youth facilitated the discussion – responding to questions like "What is one thing you do not know about me?" and "What is one perception I have about you?" The last part of the day was reporting back on what each table had learned. From every table, the responses were, "I was surprised." "I learned something about homeless youth/merchants that was unexpected." Pagliacci Pizza, Safeway, and Bus Stop Espresso provided the refreshments. Community Police Team Officer, Ken Turner, opened the session with a brief overview of the laws with the most impact on youth and young adults in the District. Businesses represented were Schultz's, Woolly Mammoth, Five Doors Up, the University Bookstore, Christian Science Reading Room, La Tienda, Pagliacci Pizza, Laughing Buddha, Safeco, True Value Hardware, the Allegro, and the Continental. One of the best outcomes of the day was the general consensus that we need to do this again, and we need to have more conversations with other aspects of the community. R-E-S-P-E-C-T was the password of the day.

YOUTH HELP PLANT NE CAMPUS PARKWAY

One of the finishing touches on the Ave Project is the planting of the former "staging" area – the two blocks of NE Campus Parkway between 15th Ave NE and Brooklyn Ave NE. The City's obligation ended with re-seeding the area to return it to its former appearance. During one of the Ave Group meetings when the Ave Project completion was on the table, members of the planning/advisory group asked if this opportunity could be put to more beautiful use. Rob Gorman, project manager from SDOT, responded that there might be a little something that could be done. The result is two blocks of public art (UW Design Build class), a variety of trees and both perennials and annuals "bookending" the street. The planting project also presented an opportunity for some of the youth who call the Ave "home" to earn a little money and help beautify the neighborhood. Five youth were paid through the University Youth and Community Project to plant a couple hundred perennials on the edge of Brooklyn and University Way.

SADAKO WILL RETURN TO THE PEACE PARK

One of Seattle's tiniest parks, the Peace Park, located just at the northwestern tip of University Bridge, has been the home of a statue of Sadako Sasaki, a Japanese girl who was a victim of the bombing of Hiroshima during World War II. Floyd Schmoe, a lifelong peace activist, member of the Friends meeting and Seattle resident, was the creator of the Peace Park. A while back, the statue was vandalized,

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one of the arms was cut off and Sadako was taken to the sculptor for repair. A group of peace activists who are part of the August 6 peace event at Green Lake, wanted to move the statue to that park because of the connection between Sadako and the annual commemoration event that takes place at the lake. At the public hearing, both sides were eloquent and gracious. It was a very moving public hearing. In the end, the Park Board decided that Sadako should stay at the Peace Park. The Parks' Superintendent concurred. Sadako will come back home and the University District will welcome her back.

UNIVERSITY DISTRICT FOOD BANK HONORS NEIGHBORHOOD FARMERS MARKET

In recognition of its ongoing support, the University District Food Bank nominated the Neighborhood Farmers Market Alliance for the best "community/organization" for the Mayor's End Hunger Awards. Last year, the Farmers Market donated 20,000 pounds of organic produce to the University District Food Bank. This food bank serves, on average, 850 families each week. In addition, over \$5,000 in U District Food Bank vouchers were spent at the Farmers Market in 2003. Joe Gruber, Executive Director for the Food Bank, also nominated Mary Valentine and Frank Andrus, the two volunteers for the Food Bank who pick up the donated food every week during the market season. Joe said, "The support we get from Chris Curtis and her program is amazing. These markets accept WIC vouchers, our Food Bank vouchers, Food Stamps, and the Senior's Farmer Market Nutrition program vouchers. They make it possible for all our neighbors to take advantage of the high quality produce in our neighborhood markets." Karen Kinney, from the Neighborhood Market Alliance, commented on Tom Douglas' incredible generosity in opening his restaurant for this special event, as he does every year: "The food was just amazing," she said, "and we got the famous coconut cream pie for dessert."

NORTHWEST

VITAMILK DEVELOPMENT TAKING SHAPE IN GREEN LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD

Green Lake neighbors are in discussion with Lorig and Associates regarding their request for a contract rezone for the former Vitamilk Property. A committee of residents and property owners has been meeting with the developers to assure that their proposal is in keeping with the intent of the Green Lake Neighborhood Plan and Design Guidelines.

SOUTHEAST

RAINIER BEACH MERCHANTS SUPPORT MAPES CREEK WALKWAY

The Rainier Beach Merchants Association (RBMA) has added its voice in support of the Mapes Creek Walkway. Mapes Creek 52nd Avenue Walkway is owned by the Seattle Department of Transportation and

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outheast District Council Working to DIVERSIFY ITS MEMBERSHIP

The Southeast Outreach and Organizational Development Council (SOODC) is a new organization working in collaboration with the SE District Council. Together the two groups will work with neighborhood organizations, business groups, and non-profit organizations to promote civic participation and community decision-making on issues affecting Rainier Valley. They will work to insure adequate community participation by promoting civic engagement and promoting opportunities for neighborhood-based involvement. There will be a specific emphasis on reaching out to communities of color and recent immigrant communities.

The SOODC has applied for funding from the Neighborhood Matching Fund Race and Social Justice Initiative to create a Rainier Valley Resource Guide identifying and explaining all known community organizations in Southeast. The guide would also be translated into at least two languages –Spanish and Chinese (we are still investigating which translations would be most valuable.) The resource guide would also be made available on the internet, with a monthly community calendar of meeting times and events.

SOODC and the District Council would also co-host bi-monthly meetings with individual agencies and organizations.

HAPPENINGS in your neighborhood

These joint events would focus on the work of the local organizations, while providing an opportunity to discuss the broader issues of the District by the District Council. SOODC would provide resources to the individual community organization to do outreach and promote the meeting. SOODC would help to pay for mailings, flyers, translation, and advertising for the meetings. The SOODC would in essence be playing the role of an outreach committee for existing organizations in the Valley. 🌐

provides important links between Rainier Beach High School, Rainier Beach Community Center, Rainier Beach Library, the Rainier Beach Business District, and the Lake Washington Apartments. Mapes Creek 52nd Avenue Walkway is an important part of the Mapes Creek watershed.

The community and the Merchants Association are concerned over the lack of funding for ongoing maintenance costs for the walkway. They are asking the City to find the necessary resources to insure regular maintenance of the greenspace.

Pro Parks Opportunity Funds in the amount of \$100,000 are currently available for improvements to the walkway. The funds may be used to add landscaping, lighting, seat walls, paving, signs, or other priority items from the Mapes Creek 52nd Avenue Walkway Plan. These funds do not cover maintenance costs.

SOUTHWEST

CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS MAYOR'S MATCHING FUND BUDGET

City Council adopted Mayor Nickel's proposed budget to keep the City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods Matching Fund budget intact at \$3.2 million.

New Employee KELLY DAVIDSON



Kelly came to the Department of Neighborhoods from the Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs where she worked for 5 years as an administrative assistant and project manager. She has worked on numerous administrative tasks, been involved with planning and implementation of community arts projects and managed the art projects for the new and renovated branch libraries.

Kelly grew up in New Jersey then moved to Las Vegas. She is a graduate of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas with a degree in Fine Arts. Kelly is a newlywed, married this August. She lives in Everett with her husband and two adopted dogs. In her spare time she has volunteered for the Snohomish County Arts Council and her Neighborhood Association.

Her interests include home improvement projects, walking the dogs, working as pit crew for her husband at car races, skiing and hiking. 🌐

p edestrian SAFETY

by Molly McCarthy

Most all Seattleites are pedestrians at some point in their day, yet many of us are unaware of the laws that keep pedestrians safe and encourage walking in our neighborhoods. Seattle is a great city for walking, as many areas have quick access to nearby businesses, community centers or recreation areas when on foot.

I love to walk in the area around my home in Seward Park. Walking means that I run into my neighbors, making friends and building a sense of community that isn't possible when I'm sitting in a car.

Everyday in Seattle, a motorist hits a pedestrian, and on my way to the bus stop each morning, I wonder if that pedestrian is going to be me. The problem is that none of the motorists who pass me as they hurry to work will stop so I can safely cross the street.

I think my neighbors would stop for me if they knew

that they *should* do it, not to mention that it is *illegal* not to do it. They, like many Seattleites, are kind, law-abiding people.

Everyone in Seattle should know that Washington state law states that a crosswalk, marked or not, exists at *every* intersection, and pedestrians have the legal right of way in *all* crosswalks. Pedestrians do not have the right to cross in the middle of the street, but you are required to stop for them if they are crossing at an intersection.

One of the best ways to protect pedestrians is to stop for them when they are crossing the street at a corner. Ensuring the safety of those who are walking also helps us maintain and build the health of our city, our neighborhoods and ourselves.

If you see someone trying to cross the street at a corner, do the neighborly thing (and the lawful thing!) by stopping and allowing him or her to cross safely. And please tell your friends to do the same. 🌐



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